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(C) In the absence of MFA Political Director Roman Buzek, Director for CIS and the Balkans Stefan Rozkopal told the DCM April 21 in response to reftel demarche that he was pushing internally for a separate GOS statement (beyond the EU statement) critical of the Russian Presidential instruction on Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The GOS fully supported the EU statement and would have agreed to tougher language, Rozkopal said, but he was not optimistic about the likelihood of a bilateral statement. He agreed with the dangers posed by the Russian instruction and would use our approach and that of the Georgian Ambassador to make the case again, and would propose that the GOS take up the matter with Moscow. He commended the Georgian Ambassador's point that despite further expected Russian provocations, the GOG would not allow itself to take the bait and overreact. Rozkopal said the Russians could not possibly justify the actions outlined in the instruction and expressed interest in hearing from us how the Russians react to the direct USG approach to Moscow. OBSITNIK